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16 July 1954

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

**SUBJECT:** External Research Coordinating  
Activities, 28 June - 16 July 1954

1. Your Memos: Many thanks for yours of 15 July. My reports to date have included background information that I hope has been useful to you. As my business becomes old stuff to you, the reports will become shorter.

I think the item on contract research and security is working out fairly well. If I get into trouble, I'll take you up on your offer to speak to the Director of Security.

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a. Administrative Expense Budget: The project outline justifying the administrative expenses  for fiscal year 1955 was prepared for presentation to the Project Review Committee at its meeting on 21 July.

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b. Distribution of Documents: The following documents were received and distributed:

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d. Evaluation: Copies of a preliminary edition of [redacted] final report of the [redacted] were distributed for comment in May. Most of the copies have now been returned. Most persons who read the volumes praised them, although a number of apparently valuable suggestions for improvement were made.

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3. Project Approved: A request by ORR to extend a project on "Cost Data of US Industries," [redacted] was approved by the DDI.

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4. Projects Under Consideration:

a. Sociological Survey of Guatemala: Ambassador Peurifoy wired the Secretary of State on 8 July that Richard Adams a qualified anthropologist had volunteered to undertake a sample sociological survey of rural Communist and agrarian union leaders recently jailed by the Junta to establish why Communists were able to gather peasant following in certain areas of Guatemala and not others. The External Research Staff, Department of State, presented us with this project. [redacted]

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b. Middle European Study Center Projects: IO/DDP officers have discussed with me the possibilities of having offices of the Agency other than IO support two projects that have been conducted

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in the Library of Congress by MESC personnel for the last several years. (1) One of them is the accession of East European Documents, a project that would probably be continued in one form or another if MESC dropped the project. The present cost is [redacted] a year. The CIA Librarian will discuss with AD/CD the possibility of the library's taking over the project. (2) The second project involves the translation and indexing of statutes and other legal documents in the satellite countries, usually referred to as the "Law Project." It has an annual budget of [redacted] I have asked for detailed information about the project which I will circulate around the Agency to determine what interest, if any, there may be in parts of the Agency other than IO. IO's active interest in getting rid of certain of its projects, I understand, is the result of PRC's directive to it to cut down its tremendous budget [redacted]

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**5. Progress Reports:**

a. My response to DDI's inquiry about developments in external research coordination for the semi-annual report to the NSC was sent through your office.

b. I submitted information to the External Research Staff for its quarterly report about CIA projects that have begun or terminated in the second quarter of 1954.

c. Detailed progress reports were submitted to me on my request about the War Documents project [redacted]

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**6. Coordination with the Department of Defense:**

a. I met with Captain Denys W. Knoll, USN, of the Plans Section of the Office of Chief of Naval Operations. He seems to be one of the few naval officers who is interested in the Navy's psychological warfare operations. He is particularly interested in studies on Russia and China. He would like to receive all [redacted] so that he can get them placed in the "right hands" in the Navy. I shall try to arrange to have him visit [redacted] some time next month.

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b. Office of the Chief of Psychological Warfare: As reported in my memorandum to you of 15 June, 1954, this Army office plans to spend some \$2,750,000 on research to be conducted by the Human Relation Area Files, Inc. (HRAF). General Bullock informs me that representatives of various IAC Agencies will be invited to discuss this project with him in the near future. His staff wishes to reassure itself that the research contemplated for HRAF cannot be done better and more cheaply within the government.

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8. Current Digest of the Soviet Press:

At the suggestion of ORR I have requested the American Council of Learned Societies to consider certain changes in bibliographic documentation in the Current Digest to meet the needs of our analysts.

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